

## **Initiative to Improve VOC Cleanup Process by Using Historical Case Analysis**

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The goal of this initiative is a historical case evaluation to identify common VOC (volatile organic compounds such as trichloroethylene) release conditions that pose low risks and can be managed with minimal effort and cost versus release conditions that pose higher risks and warrant larger expenditures of money. Key to this initiative is the cross cutting evaluation of VOC case data from many sites across the nation.

As part of this initiative, two groups have been formed: a Working Task Force (WTF) and a Peer Review Panel (PeerRP). The WTF will focus on technical issues of historical VOC case data collection and analysis as well as preparing draft findings and conclusions based on the data analysis. The PeerRP will be called upon to review key deliverables, raise technical issues, and review and comment on draft findings and conclusions, and on any recommendations.

Membership of the WTF is heavily leveraged. WTF includes members from the DOE, DOD US Navy and Air Force, US EPA, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Western Governors Association working group on Interstate Technology and Regulatory Cooperation (ITRC).

The initiative data collection process has begun. The PeerRP and WTF are formed and are meeting regularly. Data collection should be complete by August, 1997. Findings and conclusions should be prepared by December, 1997, and recommendations prepared by March, 1998.

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